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1. Moving of Military Units from Karlovy Vary (N51/P69).

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[redacted] the majority of military personnel will be moved from Karlovy Vary.¹ The movement of military units was to be completed by 1 May 1955. The units were to be moved into the areas of Loket (N51/P58), Sokolov (N51/P58), Duchcov (N51/F23) and Most (N51/F13). The movement of units was allegedly in full swing in March 1955.

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[redacted] only military hospital and health installations, as well as some HQs, were to remain in Karlovy Vary after 1 May 1955.

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2. Military Installations.

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Karlovy Vary: Sadova ulice (formerly Parkstrasse) No. 54 - Military Court. [redacted] an inscription to this effect on the building [redacted]

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[redacted] The Court is a four-story building with newly marble-tiled walls.

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Ulice cs.armady (formerly Poststrasse) No. 3 - Police HQ.
Ulice cs.armady - in one of the former spa buildings in this street is housed a PS (Border Guard) HQ (four-story house). [redacted]

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[redacted] several sedans and trucks parked in front of the building and a number of EM and officers entering and leaving. All of them had the green shoulder boards and dog's-head insignia of the PS.

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Sokolov: former Capuchin monastery - military personnel with red shoulder boards and officers with spiked clubs (palcaty) on lapel patches [redacted] the billeting capacity of the monastery at one company.

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3. Military Uniforms.

Karlovy Vary: groups of two, three to five soldiers with red shoulder boards were seen walking in the streets at various times of the day. [redacted] approximately 100 soldiers with these shoulder boards. There was a remarkably high percentage of officers among them. However, the predominant shoulder boards seen in Karlovy Vary are those of the PS (green). [redacted] 150 PS members in the streets of the town. Apart from the green and red shoulder boards [redacted] a few (approximately 10) officers with brown shoulder boards and several EM with black shoulder boards and violet piping.

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Chomutov (N51/FO2): [redacted] from Chomutov to Duchcov [redacted] 25 officers and men with violet shoulder boards. They left the train in Duchcov.

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Sokolov: red shoulder boards and lapel patches with spiked clubs.

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4. Military Maneuvers in the Locket Area.

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[redacted] from Sokolov to Karlovy Vary [redacted] military maneuvers in the area between Sokolov and Locket. [redacted] 60 trucks on the road loaded with soldiers, approximately 20 men to a truck. The officers had red shoulder boards while the men had no shoulder boards on their khaki field uniforms. The trucks moved slowly towards Locket. Some three kilometers before Locket the column of trucks halted and soldiers, all of them wearing gas masks, started alighting and marching off the road.

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5. Concrete Bunkers Along a Road.

[redacted] from Sokolov to Chlum Sv. Mari (N51/P48) [redacted] some two kilometers before Chlum Sv. Mari small concrete bunkers on both sides of the road. The bunkers are spaced some 300 to 400 meters apart and are about 100 meters from the road, always alternating, one on the left and then one on the right side of the road. They rise about one meter above the ground and might be also about one meter in diameter. Each bunker has two slits. [redacted] the bunkers were built only recently and that they continue along the road beyond Chlum Sv. Mari via Kynsperk nad Ohri (N 51/P 48) as far as Cheb (N 51/P 37).

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1. Comment. This would support the current reports that the Czech authorities are attempting to restore Karlovy Vary and Marianske Lazne to their pre-war international fame as spas and rest centers. The units allegedly to be moved from Karlovy Vary would probably be the 74th Infantry Regiment (Belocerkevsky) and various elements of the 3rd PS Brigade. The HQ of the 12th Infantry Division, the HQ of the 3rd PS Brigade, as well as the Regional and District Military HQ, known to be located in Karlovy Vary, would probably remain.

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